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## SEN. LANDRIEU STATEMENT ON THE NOMINATION OF JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR. TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON – United States Senator Mary L. Landrieu, D-La., issued the following statement tonight regarding the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., to the United States Supreme Court.

Sen. Landrieu said:

"With the President's nomination this evening of Judge John Roberts, the Senate begins its responsibility to review his record and determine whether he is fit to serve as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

"As I wrote the President last week, I hoped for a nominee who could unite the nation and muster the enthusiastic consensus support that Justice O'Connor and six other current Justices earned. As the Senate examines Judge Roberts' credentials and hears his testimony, we will begin to learn whether this support is attainable.

"The American people have the right to expect a Supreme Court Justice who values independence, objectivity and fairness over political ideology. And the United States Senate owes the American people a fair confirmation process focused on the future of the Court and our nation.

"I look forward to working with my Senate colleagues over the coming weeks to determine if Judge Roberts meets these qualifications."